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1. ADDRESS: CASILLA POSTAL 1707, CALLE 15 DE AGOSTO 120, CALLE YEGROS 837, ASUNCION, PARAGUAY. CABLE: GROSSMER, ASUNCION. TELEX: 917PY PARA FONE 44426. PHONE: 44426, 47739. OFFICER: SIGFRIDO V. GROSS-BROWN, PARTNER.

2. LARGE FIRM ESTABLISHED 1950. EMPLOYS 10. ACTS AS LEGAL ADVISER ON COMMERCIAL, CIVIL, ADMINISTRATIVE, LABOR, PATENT, TRADEMARK, AND TAX LAW, AND INVESTMENTS.

3. FINANCIAL REFERENCES: FIRST NATIONAL CITY BANK, CASILLA POSTAL 1174, ASUNCION, PARAGUAY.

4. FOREIGN CORRESPONDENTS COMCHIL PINHEIRO GOODRICH CLARO Y LAVALLE, 15 RUE GRUEZE, PARIS, FRANCE, AND 32 SAVILE ROW, LONDON, ENGLAND WIX IAG.

5. DR. SIGFRIDO V. GROSS-BROWN IS A DISTINGUISHED PARAGUAYAN LAWYER, OF EXCELLENT REPUTATION, WHOSE RECORD SHOWS AN OUTSTANDING CAREER AS A PROFESSOR OF THE UNIVERSITY OF ASUNCION, AS A HIGH RANKING OFFICIAL

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IN THE PARAGUAYAN JUDICIARY, AND IN GOVERNMENT WORK

WHERE ONCE HE HELD THE OFFICE OF MINISTER OF EDUCATION, IN ADDITION TO HIS LAW ACTIVITIES. GROSS-BROWN IS ALSO A SENIOR PARTNER OF A LEADING LOCAL FIRM, A LIMITED LIABILITY PARTNERSHIP WHICH IS THE LOCAL AGENT FOR A LEADING AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANY, AND CONTROLS SUBSTANTIAL REAL ESTATE DR. CARLOS A. MERSAN HAS EARNED A GOOD REPUTATION A A LAWYER AND AN EXPERT ON TAX LAW. MERSAN ALSO HAS HIS OWN CATTLE RANCHING ORGANIZATION WHICH OFFERS ADMINISTRATIVE AND ACCOUNTING SERVICES. HE ALSO EDITS A PERIODICAL WHICH REPORTS ON PARAGUAYAN LAWS AND REGULATIONS. THESE TWO LAWYERS OPERATE INDEPENDENT LEGAL ORGANIZATIONS AND EACH IS ASSISTED BY SECOND GENERATION LAWYERS OF THEIR RESPECTIVE FAMILIES. IN 1950 GROSS-BROWN AND MERSAN FORMED A PARTNERSHIP, POOLING THEIR EXPERIENCE AND RESOURCES UNDER THE SAME OF ESTUDIO JURIDICO GROSS-BROWN & MERSAN. THIS ARRANGEMENT HAS ENABLED THEM TO HANDLE CASES WHICH REPRESENT A LARGE WORKLOAD OF LEGAL AND TAX SERVICES. THEIR POST OFFICE BOX IS USED AS A COMMON MAILING ADDRESS OF EACH FIRM OF SUBJECT PARTNERSHIP, WHILE THE STREET ADDRESSES OF THE FIRMS CORRESPOND TO THE OFFICES OCCUPIED BY THE TWO PARTNERS AND THEIR STAFFS. BOTH PARTNERS MAINTAIN EXCELLENT RELATIONS IN PRIVATE AND OFFICIAL SPHERES. ALTHOUGH NEITHER GROSS-BROWN NOR MERSAN ARE ALIGNED WITH THE DOMINANT PARAGUAYAN POLITICAL PARTY, THEY ENJOY THE RESPECT OF GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS. THE LIST OF THEIR CLIENTS INCLUDES AN IMPRESSIVE ARRAY OF LEADING PARAGUAYAN AND FOREIGN COMPANIES AND INDIVIDUALS. THIS ORGANIZATION IS RECOMMENDED AS A SUITABLE CONTACT FOR AMERICAN FIRMS OR INDIVIDUALS.

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